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Old Letters.

Tear, scatter, burn, destroy—but keep them not;
I have, I dread those living witnesses
Of varying self, of good or ill forgot,
Of altered hopes and withered kindnesses.
Oh, call not up those shadows of the dead,
Those visions of the past that lily blot
The present with regret for blessings fled.
This hand that wrote, this ever-teeming head,
This flickering heart is full of chance and
change;
I would not have you watch my weakness,
Nor how my foolish likings roam and range,
Nor how the mushroom friendships of a day
Hastened in loathed ripeness to decay,
Nor how to mine own self I grow so strange.

The Marvellous Tower.

BY WASHINGTON IRVING.

The morning sun shone brightly upon the
dilapidated towers of Toledo, when King
Roderick issued out of the gates of the city,
at the head of a numerous train of courtiers
and cavaliers, and crossed the bridge that
crossed the deep and rocky bed of the Ta-
gus. The shining cavalcade wound up the
road that leads among the mountains, and
soon came in sight of the necromantic tower.
King Roderick and his courtiers arrived,
wondering and amazed, at the foot of the
rock. Here was a narrow archway, way cut
through the living stone, the only entrance
to the tower. It was closed by a massive
iron gate, covered with rusty locks of diverse
workmanship, and in the fashions of differ-
ent centuries, which had been affixed by the
professors of Don Roderick. On either
side of the portal stood the two ancient
guardians of the tower, laden with the keys
appertaining to the locks.

The King alighted, and approaching the
portal ordered the guardians to unlock the
gate. The heavy-headed men drew back
with terror. "Alas! what is it, what is it,
you require of us? Would you have the
mischiefs of this tower unloosed, and let
loose to shake the earth to its foundations?"

The venerable Archbishop, Urdano like-
wise, who had been led from generation
to generation, within the memory of man,
and which even Cesar himself, when cov-
ernor of Spain, had not ventured to invade.
The youthful cavaliers, however, were en-
couraged to push the adventure, and encour-
aged him in his rash curiosity.

"Come what may," exclaimed Don Roder-
ick, "I am resolved to penetrate the mystery
of this tower." So saying, he again demand-
ed the guardians to open the portals. The
ancient men obeyed with fear and trembling,
but their hands shook with age, and when
they applied the keys, the locks were re-
sisted by time, or from such strange work-
manship, that they resisted their feeble ef-
forts, whereupon the young cavaliers pressed
forward, and lent their aid. Still the
locks were so numerous, and difficult, that
with all their eagerness and strength a great
part of the day was exhausted before the
whole of them could be mastered.

The patience of the King was now ex-
hausted, and he advanced to the iron gate,
and, heavily, he laid his hand upon it, and
when it swung gently open, uttering as it
was, a dismal groan, as it turned reluctantly
on its hinges. A cold damp wind issued
forth, accompanied by tempestuous sounds.
The hearts of the ancient guardians quaked
within them, and their knees smote together,
but several of the young cavaliers rushed in,
eager to gratify their curiosity, or to signal-
ize themselves in their rebelling enterprise.
They had advanced but a few steps, however,
when they recoiled, overcome by the lan-
guid air, or by some fearful vision. Upon this
the King ordered that fires should be kind-
led to dispel the darkness, and to correct
the noxious and long-impaired air (he then
led the way into the interior; but though
lost at heart, he advanced with awe and
hesitation.

After proceeding a short distance, he en-
tered a hall or antechamber on the opposite
side of which was a door; and before it, on
a pedestal, stood a gigantic figure, of the col-
or of bronze, and of terrible aspect. It held
a huge mace which it whirled incessantly,
sending such cruel and rebounding blows upon
the earth as to prevent all further entrance.

The king paused at the sight of this ap-
parent figure; for whether it was living, or
a statue of magic artifice, he could not tell.
On its breast was a scroll whereupon was in-
scribed in large letters, "I do my duty." Af-
ter a while Roderick plucked up courage,
and addressed it with great solemnity:

"Whatever thou hast said, 'know that I
come not to violate the sanctuary, but to
inquire into the mystery it contains; I fear
thee, therefore, to let me pass in safety."
Upon this the figure passed with uplifted
mace, and the king and his train passed un-
molested through the door.

They now entered a vast chamber, of a
rare and stupendous architecture, difficult
to be described. The wall was encrusted
with the most precious gems, so joined to-
gether as to form one smooth and perfect
surface. The lofty dome appeared to be
self-supported, and was studded with gems,
inlaid with the stars of the firmament. There
was neither wood nor any other common base
material to be seen through the edifice.
There were no windows or other opening to
admit the day, yet a radiant light was spread
throughout the place, which seemed to shine
from the walls, and render every object dis-
tinctly visible.

Effects of the British Tariff.

The wealth of several of our Northern
counties consists in their Iron ore. For
a few years, the mines have been work-
ed successfully, and the enterprising men
of that region began to look forward to
years of permanent prosperity. More
than 150 forges have been erected, giving
employment, directly, to more than 700
persons, and, indirectly, to over 2000.
These men earned more than \$12,000 a
week, and were enabled to support them-
selves and families comfortably.

But, under the operation of the Brit-
ish Tariff of '46, the demand for the ore
has been gradually falling off. For
three years, the owners of the ore beds
and forges have managed to live—on
hope. They were reluctant to discharge
the men in their employ, because they
knew that, to do so, would be to cut off
their only available means of support.
Their only capital was their hands, and
the only mode by which they could ren-
der that capital available, was by labor-
ing in that department of industry to
which they had been bred.

But "necessity knows no law." The
employers—themselves men, generally,
of small means—saw nothing but inevi-
table bankruptcy before them, if they
persisted in producing that which they
could only sell at a loss. They have
been, therefore, driven to a suspension
of their works. Four-fifths of all the
forge-fires in the Northern part of the
State have been already extinguished,
and the residue soon must be.

Heretofore, the busy aspect presented
by the multitude of forges in operation
on the bank of Lake Champlain, consti-
tuted one of the pleasantest features of
a trip through that beautifully pictur-
esque Lake. But now, those forges
stand out as so many finger-posts, point-
ing to the destructive effects of the Loco
Tariff of 1846.

The money heretofore earned by these
2000 Iron workers is now sent to Eng-
land and Wales. The \$12,000 a week
which they have hitherto expended a-
mong the farmers, mechanics and mer-
chants in their neighborhood, goes into
the pockets of the farmers, mechanics
and merchants of foreign countries. And
this is the democracy of loco focism! They
profess only to war upon the rich
manufacturer; for they are full of sym-
pathy for the "poor man." And yet
they know very well, that for every man-
ufacturer they ruinous policy bankrupts,
it beggars a hundred artisans, whose on-
ly capital consists of the physical pow-
ers which a kind Providence has given
them.—*Albany Journal.*

Uses of the Camel.

The Arabs of the desert sometimes
kill their Camels to satisfy the thirst of
an almost perishing caravan. It is the
false stomach which contains the water
and undigested food. This is strained
through a cloth, and then drunk; and
those that have been under the necessity
of making use of the beverage say that
the taste is bitter. A sailor, whose love
of adventure had induced him to make
a land voyage and who was present when
a camel was killed for this purpose, as-
sumed himself making observations on the
skin and skeleton of the defunct;
and which way do you think his thoughts
went? Why, in planning a boat out of
the remains. He found that a most ex-
cellent contrivance might be made from
them for the purpose of crossing rivers,
the back-bone being used as the keel and
the ribs as timbers. The formation of the
chest of the camel struck him as
being like nothing so much as the prow
of a Portuguese boat, or fishing
boat; and, with the frankness of a sail-
or, he adds that it was in consequence of
hearing the Arabs always calling it
"markab," or ship, that the idea first oc-
curred to him.

Ship, indeed. Never was metaphor
more true, launched upon the sandy
ocean, where the compass is not unfre-
quently used, the camel fleet pursues its
course until it reaches its anchoring
ground for the night in some brake well
known to the devils, making commerce
easy between nations, to whom the de-
sert would otherwise be an unconquer-
able bar, or smooths the dreary way from
Damascus to Mecca for the Mahometan
pilgrim.

Otto of Roses.

Newspaper readers have no doubt
wondered why the small oval of Atar
Gul, or Otto of Roses, purloined from
the Patent Office, should be esteemed of
such value. It is esteemed in the East
"more precious than gold," and is made
chiefly in Persia, Turkey and Egypt.
The following brief account of it may
not be uninteresting at the present time:
"The usual method of making it is,
to gather thistles with the calyxes, and
put them into a still with nearly double
their weight of pure spring water, which,
when sufficiently distilled, will be highly
scented with roses; this is then poured
into shallow vessels and exposed to the
nocturnal air. Next morning, the Atar,
or essential oil of the flowers, is found
swimming in small congealed particles
on the surface of the water; it is care-

Cows and Heifers.

Best cow, 3 years old and upwards, in
calf the past year, 5.00
2d best do. do. do. 4.00
3d best do. do. do. 3.00
Best heifer, two years old, 4.00
2d best do. do. do. 3.00
3d best do. do. do. 2.00
Best heifer, one year old, 3.00
2d best do. do. do. 2.00
3d best do. do. do. 1.00

Calves, of any grade.

Best Bull, 3 years old, 3.00
2d best do. do. do. 2.00
3d best do. do. do. 1.00
Best three calves (other than Bulls) 2.00
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Gelding, 3.00
2d best do. do. do. 2.00
3d best do. do. do. 1.00
Best Stallion, three years old and up-
wards, 4.00
2d best do. do. do. 3.00
3d best do. do. do. 2.00
Best Stallion, two years old, 3.00
2d best do. do. do. 2.00
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Breeding Mares and Colts.

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3d best do. do. do. 2.00
Best Colt, two years old, 3.00
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3d best do. do. do. 1.00
Best Colt, one year old, 2.00
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Swine.

Best Boar, five months old, 4.00
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Best Sow, twelve months old, which has
borne pigs, 4.00
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Sheep.

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Fruit.

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Best Peach, 5 years old, 4.00
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Best Plum, 5 years old, 4.00
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Best Cherry, 5 years old, 4.00
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Cows and Heifers.

Best cow, 3 years old and upwards, in
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